

FARMER AND BUSINESS MAN'S BANQUET SUCCESS

Over 700 Farmers and Families From Radius of Twenty Miles Are Guests of Salem Commercial Club and Woman's Club At Get-Together Feast At Armory—Excellent Food, Good Music and Speaking Awaken Spirit of Good-Fellowship and Fraternalism

Fully 700 farmers, their wives, sweethearts and children from all parts of Marion and Polk counties, within a radius of 15 to 20 miles gathered around the festive board at the armory this afternoon to take part in the first of a proposed series of farmers and business men's banquets to be given during the summer for the purpose of fostering the spirit of fraternalism between the people of the city and the country. The banquet was given under the auspices of the Salem Commercial club,

field work of the O. A. C. extension department, who gave a practical talk upon farming from the standpoint of a practical farmer; County Agriculturist L. J. Chapin, Mayor H. O. White, who delivered the principal address of welcome and good-fellowship, State Senators A. M. LaFollette, C. P. Bishop, the former representing the farmer and the latter the business man, and numerous others, both business men of the city and representative farmers from the several districts represented.

conceived and executed by President W. M. Hamilton and Secretary Ralph Moores, while the Salem Woman's club, headed by President Mrs. F. A. Elliott, took charge of the decorations and acted as hostess for the visiting ladies during the hour's entertainment.

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man in his customary humorous and capable manner and soon had the assemblage in splendid good humor and "perfectly-at-home" spirits by his witty remarks and ready repartee. It was by far the most successful stunt that has ever been "pulled off" by the commercial club, or any other organization in the history of the city or county, and will accomplish more toward bringing the people of Salem and the surrounding country together in a business and social way than anything that could have been hoped for.

The principal addresses of welcome and education were made by Tomlinson, Governor James Withycombe, Professor French, director of

BOARD OF CONTROL GETTING READY FOR SUMMER BUILDING

Contracts Awarded For Fruit Drier, Milk House and Silo For Institutions

Bids have been awarded and it is expected that work will begin in the very near future upon the construction of a fruit drier and milk house at the asylum farm and a hollow-block silo for the feeble-minded institute. The contract for the former has been awarded to A.

Amuland, of this city for \$4,500 and for the silo to O. C. Kennon, also of this city, for \$455. An appropriation of \$6,000 was made for the fruit drier and milk house, and \$750 for the silo.

State Architect Knighton has completed the plans and specifications for these and is working upon the plans and specifications for the new Eastern Oregon asylum wing and expects to have them completed and ready for adoption and advertising for bids by April 30. These bids will probably be opened on May 20 and work upon the new structure can begin by June 10. An appropriation of \$100,000 was set aside for the construction and equipment of this building. Engineer Charles A. Murphy of the E. O. asylum will superintend the construction.

Architect Knighton states that it is expected the new administration building for the University of Oregon, for which an appropriation of \$100,000 was made two years ago and work was begun upon it last year, will be finished by June 15 of this year and ready for occupancy, and he also expects the new \$62,000 armory for Eugene will be completed in July.

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INVESTIGATE JAP ACTIVITIES.

Washington, April 17.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced today that Admiral Howard, commanding the Pacific fleet, had diverted the United States cruiser New Orleans to Turtle Bay, Lower California, to investigate the activities of Japanese warships there. The New Orleans was en route from San Diego to Mazatlan, when ordered to Turtle Bay.

Although the government officials do not place much credence in reports that the Japanese navy is active at Turtle Bay, it was decided at a cabinet meeting to investigate thoroughly.

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